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fiscal analyst could live with it. Now, as far as going home with 259, that isn't too bad. Back in the...some years ago, we went home without a budget at all, when we had a two year...we met every two years. Of course, we came back and after folks got to thinking about things and remedied a few things. Now, if there are problems with 259, the Governor finds that he has difficulties, he has the prerogative of calling us back and we can, maybe, patch this thing up a little bit.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am real concerned, if we pass the Budget bill and go home from here, I am concerned when the Governor says he can roll back sales and income tax. Ignore completely any property tax relief. He mentioned it but I don't see how or where he is going to do anything with a roll back anywheres, any property tax relief. I think we have some legislation here, state aid to education. Hopefully, it can pass. Maybe, it won't. But unless we diligently try, we don't know. Senator Schmit mentioned the sales tax, the income tax as inflationary period. Of course, it is. It's not necessarily that any one item brought more money but there is more. It's a tube of toothpaste. Maybe it's 49¢ and maybe it's 69¢. Another penny sales tax or half a penny, whatever the rate might be. It's the increase. It's the inflationary trend. Sure, this isn't good sound economy. It isn't good sound business. I think that it is important that we recognize those items such as 257. Some other items, such as the state aid for education. Hopefully, if there is a veto we can override it and use some of those funds for property tax relief which is more important for the economy of the state than a reduction of the sales and income tax.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Stahmer, then Chambers.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to call to the attention of the body the inconsistencies of the reasoning espoused by our Speaker, Senator Proud, when he said that he thinks we would be abrogating our duties as a legislature, yet at the same time, he says he cannot support our 452 which helps make the Legislature be the legislative branch and prevents the Executive from being the legislative branch. So, on the one hand he is advocating one thing. On the other hand, he is advocating another thing. It is evident to many that many members of this body have little or any confidence in the judgment of the Budget Committee, that they have far more confidence in the Governor. That being the case, I'd say he is already being the Legislature. Let's let him be the Legislature, in fact. And I think it's twisted reasoning, to say the least, to get up and talk about how we are the Legislative branch and then when decisions are made here by the Budget Committee or recommendations are made so that we can be the Legislative branch, they are stomped on by a great many members of this body.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, I think, stepped off of the floor for just a moment, here. Does anybody else wish to be heard? I have lights on here still for Senator Schmit, Proud, Goodrich. Excuse me, Senator Skarda, you haven't been heard and your light just went on.